

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: West Coast Groundfish Trawl Economic Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0618.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 207.

Average Hours Per Response: Catcher vessels, catcher processors and motherships, 8 hours each; shorebased processors and first receivers, 20 hours.

Burden Hours: 2,208.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection. This information collection is needed in order to meet the monitoring requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA). In particular, the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) needs economic data on all harvesters, first receivers, shorebased processors, catcher processors, and motherships participating in the West Coast groundfish trawl fishery.

The currently approved collection covers collection of data for the 2011, 2012, and 2013

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operating years. The renewed approval will cover years 2014-2016. Data will be collected from

all catcher vessels registered to a limited entry trawl endorsed permit, catcher processors

registered to catcher processor permits, and motherships registered to mothership permits, first

receivers, and shorebased processors that received round or head-and-gutted IFQ groundfish or

whiting from a first receiver to provide the necessary information for analyzing the effects of the

West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program.

As stated in 50 CFR 660.114, the EDC forms due on September 1, 2015 will provide data

for the 2014 operating year.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at <u>reginfo.gov</u>. Follow the instructions

to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should

be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to

(202) 395-5806.

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